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**John E. Ott**  
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
Education: Cumberland 1981 JD  
Began Service: April 6, 1998  
Term Expires: April 6, 2014

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor, Cumberland School of Law, Samford University

**Academic:** Adjunct Professor, Miles College of Law (1994-1999); Adjunct Professor, University of Alabama

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, United States District Court (1981-1983)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice, Ronald Reagan Administration (1983-1998)

**Current Memberships:** The Birmingham American Inn of Court; Alabama State Bar; Birmingham Bar Association; The Florida Bar

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**Number of Judgeships:** 6

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**Benjamin Cohen**  
Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 1993  
Term Expires: November 2007

**Staff**

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**Tamara O. Mitchell**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Education: South Alabama 1974 BS; Whittier 1980 JD  
Began Service: January 4, 1992  
Term Expires: January 3, 2020

**Legal Practice:** Sole Practitioner (1981-1983); Partner, Gradsky & Mitchell (1983-1991)

**Staff**

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**Chambers of Bankruptcy Judge Jack Caddell**

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**Jack Caddell**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
Education: Alabama 1967 BA, 1970 JD  
Began Service: May 24, 1994  
Term Expires: May 23, 2008  
Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Clerk The Honorable Seybourn H. Lynne, United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama (1971-1972)

**Judicial:** Judge, Decatur Municipal Court (1973-1992)

**Military Service:** United States Naval Reserve

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar; American Bankruptcy Institute; Commercial Law League of America; Morgan County Bar Association

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**Thomas B. Bennett**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
Education: West Virginia 1970 BS, 1973 MA, 1976 JD  
Began Service: June 5, 1995  
Term Expires: June 4, 2009  
Political Affiliation: Republican

**Academic:** Instructor of Economics, West Virginia University (1971-1976)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John R. Brown, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1976-1977)

**Legal Practice:** Bowles, Rice, McDavid, Graff & Love (1977-1995)

**Current Memberships:** American Bankruptcy Institute; Birmingham Bar Association; Commercial Law League of America; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Texas; West Virginia State Bar

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**C. Michael Stilson**  
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1947  
Education: Alabama 1969 BS, 1974 JD  
Began Service: June 16, 1995  
Term Expires: June 15, 2009

**Government:** Chapter 13 Standing Trustee, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, United States Department of Justice (1990-1995)

**Current Memberships:** Alabama State Bar; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; Tuscaloosa County Bar Association

**Staff**

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Bankruptcy Judge**United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama**

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**Number of Judgeships:** 3

**Areas Covered:** Counties of Baldwin, Choctaw, Clarke, Conecuh, Dallas, Escambia, Hale, Marengo, Mobile, Monroe, Perry, Washington and Wilcox

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**Callie V. S. Granade**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950  
Education: Hollins 1972 BA; Texas 1975 JD  
Began Service: February 20, 2002  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable John Godbold, United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit (1975-1976)

**Government:** Assistant United States Attorney, Southern District of Alabama, Office of the United States Attorney, United States Department of Justice (1977-2002)

**Staff**

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**William H. Steele**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: June 8, 1951  
Education: Southern Mississippi 1972 BA; Alabama 1980 JD  
Began Service: March 14, 2003  
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, County of Mobile, Alabama (1981-1985); Assistant U.S. Attorney, Southern District of Alabama, United States Department of Justice (1987-1989)

**Judicial:** Judge, Alabama Municipal Court (1989-1990); Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Southern District of Alabama (1990-2003)

**Legal Practice:** Private Practice (1988-1990)

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